

In the Abstract

Please substitute the following amended Abstract for the Abstract as currently pending
(deleted matter is shown by strikethrough and added matter is shown by underlining):

Disclosed is a laser device for machining material, comprising a laser beam source [(S)] which supplies pulsed laser radiation [(3)], and a variable deflection unit [(17)] that introduces said laser radiation [(3)] into the material [(1)] at different, selectable points so as to create optical breakthroughs. The inventive laser device further comprises a pulse-selecting apparatus [(15)] which modifies selected laser pulses of the pulsed laser radiation [(3)] regarding at least one optical parameter in such a way that no more optical breakthroughs can be created using the modified laser pulses.